

ELI O. CARROLL - Before 1850 - 3209 Keyser Road, Stevenson vicinity. Two-segment stone house survives in a subdivision called Halcyon Gate. The name is derived from a land survey of 1696 made for Charles Carroll, the attorney general, under the tract name "Eli O. Carroll." This 1,000-acre property was offered for sale along with the adjoining 400-acre tract "Litterlouna" by Henry Hill Carroll in 1793. It apparently contained no large stone houses in the 1798 tax ledger of Middlesex Hundred. In the mid-19th Century this was the home of Dr. John Lee Webster and his wife Mary Ann Carroll Webster (Deeds TK 320:12). The 1850 map shows the home of Robert M. Dennison, who bought it in 1948. In 1868, Dr. Adolphus Cooke and his wife Rachel acquired the property (EHA 59:197) and were shown as owners in the 1877 Hopkins atlas. In the 1918 tax ledger, Mrs. Rachel Cooke was shown as owner of 21.5 acres and a dwelling 22 by 45 feet on the "south side of Halcyon Road." The house at one time belonged to General James Devereaux, USMC, the defender of Wake Island in 1941. This is a

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two-part telescope house with a small primitive stone wing amplified by a 2-½ story fieldstone house of plain Federal design, five bays wide, with center-hall plan, gable roofed dormers, full width front porch. Still in excellent condition in 1984 when offered for sale. (See Green Spring Valley, p. 302. Also 1918 Tax Ledger, District 3, Volume A to Mc, f. 221.).